to dieselisation, alternative activities of ROH of Wagons and Intermediate Overhauling as also corrosion repairs of Coaching Stock are being undertaken there to utilise the existing facilities and staff.

Luggage facility for season ticket holders

1116. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the season ticket holders on the railways are being deprived of the existing 10 kilogram luggage facility; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) To prevent leakage of railway revenue due to carrying of unbooked luggage, with effect from 1-2-1986, four zonal railways introduced luggage monthly season tickets which permitted luggage upto sixty kgs to be carried by a passenger. The monthly season ticket holders, who did not purchase the luggage season tickets, were not permitted to carry any luggage free except one hand bag, one umbrella and a tiffin box. The matter was, however, reconsidered, and a decision was taken to permit 10 kgs. of luggage in II class and 15 kgs. in I class.

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval Line

1117. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated the 16th March, 1982 from the President Junagadh Grain, Seeds and Sugar Manufacturing Associatoin for the conversion of the Rajkot/Veraval metre gauge line to broad gauge line;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has referred the matter to Secretary, Railway Board on 3rd April, 1982 for a survey of the proposal;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the action taken thereon; and

(d) what are the details of the survey reports and by when the above line is likely to be converted from metre gauge to broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) Representations have been received from various organisations for the conversion of Rajkot-Veraval line into B.G.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Gujarat requested for examination of the proposal for extension of Broad Gauge line from Rajkot to Veraval. They were replied in June, 1982 that considering the level of traffic on this MG section, it was not possible to consider its conversion into BG.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Direct flight from Delhi to Ahmedabad

1118. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one morning flight between Ahmedabad and Delhi and no direct evening flight;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a strong demand from various sectors in Gujarat for direct evening flights on this route; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?